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17 August 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM:

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I contacted [REDACTED] on 17 August 1984 by telephone and declined the attached invitation. Basis for declining was that it would be a losing proposition for an Agency spokesperson to lecture journalists on their professional responsibility and, moreover, that it would be inappropriate for the Agency to publicly debate the notion of joint oversight. I consulted Chuck Briggs on the latter score before responding and he concurred.

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I gave [REDACTED] the name of [REDACTED], AFIO, as an alternative to CIA. She thought that a good idea.

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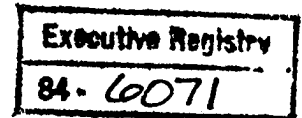
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William Casey, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505
Attn: Public Affairs Office

The Society of Professional Journalists - Sigma Delta Chi is sponsoring a program on "Covering the Covert" on Tuesday, September 25, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the National Press Club. Purpose of the program is to discuss "where do you draw the line," both professionally and legally, as a journalist covering the Intelligence community, security matters and covert activities. We would like to request an executive from the CIA to discuss its viewpoint on guidelines for news coverage and the proposed legislation suggested by Sen. Howard Baker to combine the House and Senate Oversight and Intelligence Committees into a joint committee.

We were fortunate to be the first -- and the last --- public group to get a tour of the CIA facilities several years ago and the event was greatly welcomed by a record turnout of our membership.

Because of approaching deadlines for our newsletter to announce this program, we need a response from the CIA as soon as possible. Please contact me

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SPJ Program Committee Chairwoman



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